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As I have listened in school about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I have often asked myself, “Why did this man decide to stand up and do what he did?” He knew the consequences for doing it, but as I soon found out, he did it because he knew it was the right thing to do and he stood up for his convictions.

I too feel that what Martin Luther King Jr. did was the right thing. I have and will continue to contribute to society to continue his dream. When I did my Eagle project at a local church graveyard, I found there were Civil War veterans buried there. One, after much research, was a black sergeant in colored regiment. He was not recognized as a veteran and no flag flew over his grave like that of the other soldier’s. I notified the church and the local American Legion and they promptly recognized him and his service to his country. A flag now flies over his grave.

In the future, I expect on contributing more to society and the continuation of Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream. I plan to strive for equality for all in my community by living my life as Dr. King tried to live his life, by following in the footsteps of Christ. Dr. King knew that Christ was the ultimate example of a Civil Rights Leader. Sheltering the homeless, feeding the poor, stocking the food pantry shelves, clothing the naked, teaching children to read and write. These are the practices that I will try to establish in my life, one of active Civil Rights not just words. It is the practice of these daily duties to my fellow man that will set them free from the shackles of want and neglect. It is when all people, regardless of race or creed can live in basic human dignity that Dr. King’s dream can be realized. This will be my contribution to that dream.